

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 570

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A RESOLUTION urging Congress and the President of the United States to enact S.1110 & H.R. 2567 of the 109th Congress, relative to the addition of denatonium benzoate to antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

WHEREAS, each year, some adults intentionally ingest antifreeze to commit suicide and children are accidentally exposed to antifreeze that is left unattended or in open containers; and

WHEREAS, pets and other animals can die from mistakenly ingesting antifreeze that has leaked, spilled, or is carelessly left in improperly secured containers in the garage or driveway; and

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council, the American Medical Association and the American Association of Poison Control Centers have noted that the addition of a nontoxic bittering agent can make antifreeze so unpalatable that adults, children, and animals will reject these products upon tasting them, preventing injury and death; and

WHEREAS, legislation, in the form of S.1110 and H.R. 2567, has been introduced to the 109th Congress to require the inclusion of denatonium benzoate at a minimum of thirty parts per million (30ppm) as a bittering agent to any engine coolant or antifreeze that contains more than 10 percent (10%) ethylene glycol; and

WHEREAS, the Doris Day Animal League, the Humane Society of the United States, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Society for Animal Protective Legislation, the Pet Food Institute, the United States Conference of Mayors, the Consumer Specialty Products Association, and the retail antifreeze industry have endorsed the proposed legislation with the goal of protecting consumers and animals; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly supports protecting the health and safety of adults, children, and animals through the inclusion of a bittering agent in ethylene glycol-based antifreeze; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby urge each member of the United States Congress and the President of the United States to help protect adults, animals, and children by enacting S. 1110 and H.R. 2567 of the 109th Congress, thereby requiring denatonium benzoate be added to antifreeze that contains ethylene glycol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that enrolled copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.